

**Lebanon Board of Finance  
Minutes of July 9, 2009  
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Liz Charron, Linda Finelli, Betsy Petrie, Chuck Haralson (alt.), Phil Johnson(alt)

Members Absent: Glenn Coutu, Gregg Lafontaine, Lori Wesolowski, Albert Vertefeuille (alt.)

**Item A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by Liz Charron, Chairman.

C. Haralson was designated to vote for G. Lafontaine.

**Item B. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Under F. New Business: Consider and act on setting the 2009-10 mil rate, the portion of "...and there have been no changes to anticipated revenues" should be deleted. L. Finelli moved to accept the minutes with the suggested change. Motion seconded by C. Haralson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item C. Correspondence**

None received

**Item D. Monthly Expenditures/Revenues/Payment of Bills**

Revenues: T. Valone will verify the current status on 4300 Education Cost Sharing, 4302 Special Education, and 4384 School Tuition with M. Leichter and report back to the Board. 4304 Transportation is under budget. 4306 Vocational Agriculture is under budget. The last check was received by the Mashantucket Pequot.

Expenses: 480 Fringe Benefits is going to be under budget. All other accounts have stayed the same. The Board will need a report stating the totals by categories for next month's meeting.

P. Johnson joined the meeting at 7:59

P. Johnson was designated to vote for G. Coutu

**Item E. Old Business**

1. Consider and act on separate referendum votes for the budgets for General Town Government and Board of Education.  
More information is needed from towns that currently have a split budget before making a final decision. An agreed upon list of questions will be sent to those towns and their Board of Education with follow-up phone calls if necessary.
2. Update on new procedures for accounting for and tracking transfers approved at town meetings.  
No new information is available at this time and will be added to next month's meeting agenda.
3. Update on procedures manual for the Finance Office.  
No new information available at this time and will be added to next month's meeting agenda.

## **F. New Business**

1. Discuss and act on emergency repair/replacement of the Town Hall handicap ramp.  
The handicap ramp has been temporarily repaired. Further information will be sought on the cost of replacement of the ramp or the installation of an elevator/hydraulic lift.
2. Update on reimbursement status of the Hoxie Road Bridge and Leonard Bridge Road Phase IV.  
Both grants have been submitted for the Hoxie Road Bridge and Leonard Bridge Road Phase IV. OPM is waiting for the governor to call a bond meeting. Reimbursement of \$150,000 on the Leonard Bridge Road is part of that reimbursement.  
Reimbursement of 105,000 to 108,000 is expected on the Hoxie Road Bridge. It is being processed through the AG's office, but unsure of when the monies will be received.
3. Discuss and act upon providing local cost share for the replacement of the Tobacco Street Bridge over the Ten Mile River.  
The Tobacco Street Bridge is one foot shy of the span needed to be eligible for the stimulus funds. As of Tuesday the engineers have been told to stop any further work at this time. The First Selectman is continuing to pursue this project.
4. Discuss the inspection of four Lebanon bridges and the resulting critical rating status.  
Four bridges in Lebanon are rated in critical status: Waterman Road, Taylor Bridge Road, Mack Road, and McGrath Lane. The Local Bridge Program is no longer available. The federal program pays 80 percent and the town pays 20 percent. Their engineers will provide an estimate of cost. Pre-applications will be filed for all four bridges.

## **G. Other**

C. Haralson moved to add to the agenda a discussion on the explanation of the town's mil rate on the web site. P. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
Information about the town's mil rate will be posted under the News Section on the home page of the town's web site with a link to the Board of Finance page. It will eventually drop off the home page, but will stay on the Board of Finance page until it is changed.

## **H. Adjourn**

C. Haralson moved to adjourn the meeting. L. Finelli seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Drake  
Recording Secretary